Application from freedom fighters for grant of pension

115. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications from freedom fighters are still pending for grant of pension from the Central Revenue, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some freedom fighters have lomplained that new liberal policy to grant pension to fredom fighters is not being implemented; and

(c) by when the pending applications will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) As on 31.1.1988, 1213 cases are awaiting finalisation. Out of them, 442 cases are those having some special features which could not be disposed of during the special drive in the last financial year, 784 cases are to be scrutinised by the Committee of Non-Officials on Arya Samaj movement cases and 5 cases pertain to the Committee on Sind cases. State-wise position has been shown in the enclosed statement (*See below*).

(b) No specific complaint has been received in the Ministry.

(c) The cases having special features will be finalised on receipt of verification reports from the concerned State Governments. The remaining cases will be finalised on receipt of the report of the concerned Non-Official Committees after scrutiny.

Statement

Pendency of applications under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme (State-wise)

Name of the State	Pending cases
(a) *Cases having special features*	
Andhra Pradesh	45
Bihar	276
Kerala	10
Madhya Pradesh	46
Maharashtra	28
West Bengal	37
	442
(b) *Arya Samaj Committee Cases*	
Andhra Praddsh	96
Bihar	193
Delhi	33
Gujarat	1

Name of the State	Pending cases
Haryana	104
Himachal Pradesh	4
J&K	2
Karnataka	67
Madhya Pradesh	8
Maharashtra	25
Punjab	189
Rajasthan	26
Uttar Pradesh	35
West Bengal	1
	784
(c) *Sindh Committee cases*	5
TOTAL	1231

Rules and regulations for overdrafts to states

116. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules and regulations with regard to ways and means advance and overdraft to be drawn by the States;

(b) whether Government are aware of the Financial difficulties being faced by the States;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to change the rules and regulations to enable the States to tide over the financial crisis; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) It has been represented by some State Govt. that ways and means limits should be increased and the time available for clearing overdrafts extended to 21 days in view of cash flow difficulties faced by States due to drought relief expenditure. The requests are under examination in consultation with the RBI.

Statement

States which bank with the RBI have ways and mean limits which have been revised w.e.f. October 1986. If a State Govt. exhausts its ways and means limit and continues in overdraft for more than 7 consecutive working days, the RBI suspends payments of the State Govt. If a State Govt. is indebted to the Reserve Bank of India for over 45 days even within the limits of the Ways and Means Advance, the position will be discussed with the State Govt. initially at the official level to rectify the imblance; and at the level of the Chief Minister to devise such corrective measures as may be called for. As soon as any State Govt. has availed itself of 75 per cent of the authorised ways and means limit, the RBI will caution the State Govt. and if, despite such action,